

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A recording medium comprising:

a first recording area on which recording information is recorded;

a second recording area on which management information for managing the recording information is recorded; wherein

~~said second recording area includes a bit rate recording area that records a said~~
management information includes attribute information which indicates at least audio coding mode, audio application mode, quantization, number of audio channels, and bit rate.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein

said recording information includes at least [[a]] video data and [[an]] audio data;

said bit rate is a bit rate of the audio data.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for recording recording information on a recording medium comprising:

recording means for recording ~~a bit rate~~ attribute information on the recording medium together with the recording information when the recording information is recorded, wherein said attribute information indicates at least audio coding mode, audio application mode, quantization, number of audio channels, and bit rate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
said recording information includes at least [[a]] video data and [[an]] audio data;
said bit rate is a bit rate of the audio data.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
said recording medium includes a first recording area on which recording information is
recorded and a second recording area on which management information for managing the
recording information is recorded;
said ~~bit rate~~ attribute information is recorded to the second recording area.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:
reproducing means for reproducing the recorded ~~bit rate~~ attribute information of the
recording information together with the recording information when the recorded recording
information is reproduced.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising~~
An apparatus for recording recording information on a recording medium comprising:
recording means for recording a bit rate on the recording medium together with the
recording information when the recording information is recorded;
reproducing means for reproducing the recorded bit rate of the recording information
together with the recording information when the recorded recording information is reproduced;
and

control means for determining whether the renewal recording or addition recording is possible based on the bit rate and a bit rate of the new recording information when new recording information is recorded for renewal of addition, and for starting the renewal recording or the addition recording when the renewal recording or the addition recording is possible.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for recording recording information on a recording medium comprising:

recording system that records ~~a bit rate~~ attribute information on the recording medium together with the recording information when the recording information is recorded, wherein said attribute information indicates at least audio coding mode, audio application mode, quantization, number of audio channels, and bit rate.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said recording information includes at least [[a]] video data and [[an]] audio data; said bit rate is a bit rate of the audio data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said recording medium includes a first recording area on which recording information is recorded and a second recording area on which management information for managing the recording information is recorded;

said ~~bit rate~~ attribute information is recorded to the second recording area.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:
reproducing system that reproduces the recorded ~~bit rate~~ attribute information of the
recording information together with the recording information when the recorded recording
information is reproduced.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising~~
An apparatus for recording recording information on a recording medium comprising:
recording system that records a bit rate on the recording medium together with the
recording information when the recording information is recorded;
reproducing system that reproduces the recorded bit rate of the recording information
together with the recording information when the recorded recording information is reproduced;
and

control system that determines whether the renewal recording or addition recording is
possible based on the bit rate and a bit rate of the new recording information when new recording
information is recorded for renewal or addition, and that starts the renewal recording or the
addition recording when the renewal recording or the addition recording is possible.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A method of recording recording information on a
recording medium comprising:

a recording step of recording a ~~bit rate~~ attribute information on the recording medium
together with the recording information when the recording information is recorded, wherein
said attribute information indicates at least audio coding mode, audio application mode,
quantization, number of audio channels, and bit rate.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 13 ~~claim 13~~, wherein
said recording information includes at least ~~[[a]]~~ video data and ~~[[an]]~~ audio data;
said bit rate is a bit rate of the audio data.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 13, wherein
said recording medium includes a first recording area on which recording information is
recorded and a second recording area on which management information for managing the
recording information is recorded;
said ~~bit area~~ attribute information is recorded to the second recording area.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 13 further comprising:
a reproducing step of reproducing the recorded ~~bit rate~~ attribute information of the
recording information together with the recording information when the recorded recording
information is reproduced.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~The method according to claim 16 further comprising~~
A method of recording recording information on a recording medium comprising:
a recording step of recording a bit rate on the recording medium together with the
recording information when the recording information is recorded;
a reproducing step of reproducing the recorded bit rate of the recording information
together with the recording information when the recorded recording information is reproduced;
a step of determining whether the renewal recording or addition recording is possible
based on the bit rate and a bit rate of the new recording information when new recording

information is recorded for renewal or addition; and

a step of starting the renewal recording or the addition recording when the renewal recording or the addition recording is possible.